

**English Translation of Russian Edition of *The New Living Heart*
"Foreword" by President Boris Yeltsin**

To the Readers of the book
A New Life for the Heart
by Dr. Michael DeBakey

Dear Readers!

You have in your hands the book written by Dr. Michael DeBakey -- a man with a gift of performing miracles.

Life is harsh on the human heart. Life's numerous stresses take a very heavy toll on the heart. Nobody is spared. Sometimes a moment comes when there is a danger of cardiac arrest. In this case, neither family nor friends can be of help. It all remains in the hands of Providence and also -- the physician.

In the Fall of 1996, after a stressful election campaign, I was in need of heart surgery. One of the first to come to my aid was Professor Michael DeBakey.

When I first met Michael DeBakey, he was thought to be 88 years old, almost 70 of which dedicated to medicine. He impressed me with his inexhaustible physical vigor, his optimism, and his clearness of mind. The gratitude expressed by the innumerable patients he has cured has probably stimulated his continued high energy and productivity.

Michael DeBakey -- an entire era in 20th Century medicine. His profound knowledge of contemporary surgical technology has endowed him with a magical capacity to cure people with cardiovascular problems. I witnessed the respect showed to him by Professor Renat Akchurin, another medical star, who performed my surgery.

Not only Dr. DeBakey's patients, but millions of people in the world enjoy good health due to the genius of this remarkable physician.

Professor DeBakey's book *A New Life for the Heart* is now published in the Russian language. Now the Russian people will be better exposed to the experiences and the achievements of one of the leading physicians of our time. It is possible that this book will provide to some an additional ray of hope. It will strengthen their faith in healing and returning to a new life.

Indeed, this book has already been of great help to me.

My thankful wishes for success with this edition. To the author -- I wish many years of productivity and new achievements. To the readers -- good health and happiness.

Boris Yeltsin

Translation of Dedication Under Photograph

B. H. Yeltsin and M. DeBakey
25 September 1996, Moscow

Dear M. DeBakey --

A magician of the heart.
Hundreds of thousands of people
in the world thank you
and worship you.

Your ex-patient
With emotion and affection.

Boris Yeltsin